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Council approves ordinances to permit West End indoor shooting range

By CLARA MAYNARD
THE PARTHENON

City council unanimously approved three ordinances needed to permit a proposed indoor shooting range in the city’s West End during Monday’s meeting.

The first ordinance pertained to prohibited acts at the indoor shooting range such as drinking, drug use and irresponsible shooting.

The second ordinance established prerequisites of obtaining a business license for the range. These prerequisites include meeting nationally recognized safety standards, minimum liability insurance coverage and rules preventing anyone under the age of 18 from shooting without being accompanied by an adult.

The final ordinance defined indoor gun ranges as special permitted uses, which require a public hearing in the highway commercial district and industrial zone district.

Councilman Bill Rosenberger sponsored the three ordinances and said he was excited to break the ground on the project.

“I just really want to thank this council for supporting this,” Rosenberger said. “This is a huge amount of economic development in West Huntington and Commerce Park.”

Council also unanimously approved an ordinance to rebuild a water filter press at the wastewater treatment plant, as well as an ordinance to renew the Cityworks update and support agreement.

A resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a lease agreement with the City of Huntington Foundation was adopted.

The next city council meeting will be March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

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President Jerry Gilbert (middle) speaks to Carolyn Haden (far left) and David Haden (far right) Monday at The Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing.

President Gilbert plans to capitalize on South Charleston Campus

By REBECCA TURNBULL
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University President Jerry Gilbert urged members of the university’s South Charleston campus to help advance Marshall’s standing in the global economy Monday at the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing.

Gilbert said Marshall has a role to play in the region and in the country in terms of producing graduates and educational programs that will make a difference in the world.

“Whether we realize it or not, we’re all citizens of the world and not just citizens of West Virginia,” Gilbert said. “A lot of people don’t realize it, but we’re competing globally. It’s leaders that will come from universities like Marshall that will help us transform the world and that’s what I’m excited about.”

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine have predicted that the world population will increase to about 9 billion people by the year 2050.

Gilbert said Marshall has the capability to prepare its graduates to compete in the global economy and work to solve the challenges of the century.

“I believe that it’s institutions like Marshall who will produce the leaders that will go on and solve these very complex problems, so that we will have a soft landing when we get to 2050 and not a hard landing, in terms of dealing with the population explosion,” Gilbert said.

Member of the Marshall University Board of Governors David Haden said he hopes the Marshall community will rise up to the challenge of engaging in Gilbert’s efforts to make Marshall a more competitive university in the national and global field.

“It’s something we have to do,” Haden said. “We have to be more relevant, because we are. We’ve got to tell our story. And that’s something that we haven’t done a very good job of.”

Second-year healthcare administration graduate student Christabel Cobbina said she believes Marshall is already on the right track for earning national and international accreditation for its programs, which aim to produce graduates who can effectively solve the world’s future crises.

“If we keep promoting our values at Marshall University, it will attract more students and more talent,” Cobbina said. “The work that we’re doing now, the skills that we’re developing at Marshall, help us to go out in the world and further show off what we learned.”

Director of South Charleston campus facilities Joyce Harrah said not only is it important to send Marshall graduates out into the global economy, but it is also important for those graduates to return and contribute to the education of future Marshall students.

“We are in the running to keep students here so that they can graduate and hopefully come back for a masters or a doctorate to become a better



President Jerry Gilbert speaks Monday at the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing. Gilbert said he plans to push the university to prepare its graduates for a growing global economy and work to solve the challenges of the century, including the impending population growth.

contribution to society and give back to the university,” Harrah said.

Gilbert said he wants to grow the university as a whole, including the South Charleston campus.

Gilbert said as of now, Marshall plans to make more science-based programs available in Fall 2016 for students at the South Charleston campus to serve the needs of the Charleston area.

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West Virginia Senate OKs permitless concealed gun bill

By JONATHAN MATTISE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

People 21 years and older would be allowed to carry concealed guns in West Virginia without permits or training under a bill that passed the Senate on Monday.

Senators voted 24-9 to approve the measure Monday. The bill requires at least one additional House vote before the Republican-led Legislature sends it to Democratic Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin, who vetoed a similar proposal last year over safety concerns from law enforcement.

Currently, it's legal in West Virginia to carry a gun openly without a permit, like in a holster.

The bill would let people cover up guns in public without a permit; for instance, by wearing a coat. People ages 18 through 20 would need a permit and training with live firing.

Only a handful of states don't require concealed carry permits.

Proponents of the bill cited 2nd Amendment rights and said the proposal wouldn't be a huge change, since open carry is already allowed.

"The arming of law-abiding West Virginia citizens, without red tape, without enormous expense that deters people from seeking licenses, will make us safer," said Sen. Charles Trump, R-Morgan.

Opponents worried about possible

safety implications, including letting people from other states funnel into West Virginia and carry hidden guns without permits or training.

"We're setting into play a situation where we could have blood on our own hands later on, and I can't be a party to that," said Sen. Bob Beach, D-Monongalia.

This year's bill would also increase penalties for felonies committed with a gun. County sheriffs have still expressed concerns about safety in this year's bill.

"We still believe that training and safety are paramount," said Rodney Miller, West Virginia Sheriffs' Association executive director.

Tomblin vetoed a similar bill last year, and has said he would veto it again if the proposal comes to him in a form that concerns law enforcement.

However, the Legislature would only need a simple majority vote to override the governor's possible veto. The GOP has already overridden vetoes this on a so-called right-to-work bill and the repeal of the state's prevailing wage for public construction projects.

Everytown for Gun Safety, a group funded by former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, has spent "in the six-figure range" in its campaign against the bill, according to group spokeswoman Kate Folmar.

That includes billboards, polling and digital and print ads.

Democratic U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin also came out in opposition to the bill last year, saying that permits and training are common sense. No one's 2nd Amendment rights are being infringed upon without it, he added.

The West Virginia Citizens Defense League and the National Rifle Association are advocating for the change. The league believes that concealed carry permits are just an added tax on gun owners that go to sheriff's offices.

A Senate panel killed a Democratic amendment that would've eliminated the fees and kept the permitting requirements intact.

Bill could provide Uber and Lyft services to WV

By EMILY KINNER
THE PARTHENON

Marshall students are looking forward to potentially using services Uber and Lyft after the West Virginia House of Delegates pushed a bill allowing ride-sharing companies to operate in West Virginia.

House Bill 4228 passed with a vote of 94 to 4 Feb. 15 after a session filled with several questions and debate.

Delegate Matthew Rohrbach, R-Cabell, said ride-sharing companies are great services that offer many opportunities for students and people in the Huntington community.

"I'm excited," Rohrbach said. "I think Marshall students in particular will benefit a lot from Uber. Most of them for part-time work and as a service that they can use for easy and efficient transportation."

Senior public health major Meena

Elango's father is an Uber driver. Elango said she has become familiar with the system and believes it will help students interact with businesses in the city of Huntington.

"I think it's a great way for students to take advantage of another opportunity," Elango said. "I think the city of Huntington is a developing city, and I think it's something that can benefit the community, as well as the students."

Rohrbach said he thinks the ride-sharing companies will flourish more in Huntington and other West Virginia cities rather than in rural areas, due to a larger population size.

"Probably in the rural areas, Uber is not going to work very well," Rohrbach said. "First of all, the cell phone coverage is spotty and you've got to have cell phone coverage for this to work, and they probably don't

have the mass of people that it's going to take to really generate such business."

Delegate and taxi driver Mike Pushkin, D-Kanawha, said Uber and Lyft would create competition for the taxi business. However, Pushkin said he still supports the bill because it will give people more options to get home safely.

"I'm not up there representing my own interests or looking out for my own best interest or just the best interests of taxi drivers," Pushkin said. "We've got to do what's best for the public good. That's the way I wanted to vote."

The bill is expected to pass through a Senate committee in the near future. Governor Earl Ray Tomblin said he supports legislation allowing ride-sharing companies to operate in West Virginia.

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RAs to serve buffet in honor of Black History Month

THE PARTHENON

Marshall University resident advisors have been working together to create a program to celebrate Black History.

With the end of Black History Month drawing near, Twin Towers East resident advisor Eugenia Quaye said that RAs want to reach as many residents through the program as possible.

"The focus of the program is to learn more about African American history and culture, while creating a space to bring other people in to get more educated on Black History," Quaye said.

The program is not only an educational function, but the staff said they wanted to make sure that students could get a "real taste" of African-American culture.

Twin Towers East staff will serve a buffet-style soul food feast Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the TTE Glass Lounge.

The buffet will feature some

of the most popular dishes of African-American culture including fried chicken, collard greens, candied yams, baked macaroni and cheese and much more.

The event will also feature a screening of "The Great Debaters," with a brief discussion to follow the movie.

Resident advisor and program coordinator Alexis Tyson said she wants residents to understand that they can do anything they set their minds to if they can block out the negativity in their lives.

"We want to give students a chance to indulge in African-American cultural cuisine and immerse themselves in the history behind 3 young African-American students who excelled by using their words to shut down negative stereotypes pertaining to African-American intellect," Tyson said.

The program is open to all residents living on campus.

Statehouses fighting transgender choice in school facilities



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In this Jan. 27 photo, a sticker that reads, "Keep Locker Rooms Safe," is worn by a person supporting a bill that would eliminate Washington's new rule allowing transgender people use gender-segregated bathrooms and locker rooms in public buildings consistent with their gender identity, at the Capitol in Olympia, Washington.

By LISA LEFF
ASSOCIATED PRESS

In clashes over which restrooms and locker rooms transgender students should use, the U.S. Department of Education has warned public schools that a 1970s sex discrimination law makes it illegal to deny them access to the facilities of their choice.

Schools around the country, some fearing federal investigations that could cost them millions in funding, generally have yielded to the guidance.

The South Dakota Legislature last week became the first to pass a bill that would require transgender children and teenagers to use the school facilities that correspond to their

"chromosomes and anatomy" at birth. Lawmakers in at least 22 other states have introduced similar legislation at odds with the government's interpretation of the U.S. law, the Human Rights Campaign said in a policy brief Monday.

Gay rights groups are pressuring South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard to veto his state's bathroom access bill while working to stop others from advancing. But with federal courts still considering the issue, and none so far validating the government's reasoning, the statehouse-level defiance could test the limits of the Obama administration's advocacy on transgender rights.

"Local control on this issue has taken a huge, huge hit,"

said Republican state Rep. Fred Deutsch, the author of the South Dakota legislation. "This bill pushes back against federal overreach and intrusion into our lives, and is an attempt to regain control of something as basic and common sense as privacy rights for our children while at school."

The Education and Justice departments determined in 2013 that transgender students were entitled to federal civil rights protections under its reading of Title IX, the 1972 law that bans sex discrimination in education. The analysis arose from a complaint by a transgender middle school student against a Southern California school district, which agreed to settle the case by updating its policies.

Since then, the Education Department has reaffirmed its position in memos advising school districts of their responsibilities under Title IX and in other complaint resolutions. The most recent was reached in December with a suburban Chicago school district that agreed to allow a transgender high-schooler access to the girl's locker room once private stalls were installed.

"Title IX's sex discrimination prohibition extends to claims of discrimination based on gender identity or failure to conform to stereotypical notions of masculinity or femininity and OCR accepts such complaints for investigation," the department's Office for Civil Rights told districts in a 2014 memo on sexual violence.

The courts so far have been less accommodating. A federal judge last year dismissed a lawsuit brought by a transgender student at the University of Pittsburgh who was expelled for using the men's locker rooms and bathrooms. A federal judge in Virginia also rebuffed a transgender teenager's request for an order requiring his high school to allow him to use the boys' restrooms. Both decisions have been appealed.

Jennifer Smith, an education lawyer in Chicago who represents a number of Illinois school districts, said the lack of legal clarity has left her clients unsure how to craft compliant and thoughtful policies.

"They look at the Pittsburgh case, they look at what OCR has said, they look at state and local laws, and it's really gray. No one knows what to make of it," Smith said. "We are making as practical decisions as we can in a really unsettled area of law."

Clinical and translational science program to benefit Appalachian region

By REBECCA TURNBULL
THE PARTHENON

The deadline is approaching for applications to Marshall University's Clinical and Translational Science Program.

All applications are due by Tuesday, March 1. Details on admission requirements can be found at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine website and communication coordinator Diana Maue said the goal of the program is to equip students with the information and training necessary to translate biomedical advancements into care that meets the individual needs of patients.

"I am excited about this program for many reasons, but one is that the program combines the best of two worlds: those of biomedical research and medicine," Maue said. "Each is important in its own way, but neither is where it needs to be without the role of clinical trials to 'translate' the research from the lab to better care for the patient."

Maue said the program emphasizes opportunities for participants to improve patient care by performing clinical trials in the Appalachian region, increasing the quality of life for citizens in rural West Virginia areas.

The program requires students to complete a rural clinic

experience during the summer after the first two semesters are complete.

Maue said this opportunity to help further develop medical care in Appalachian is particularly meaningful for in-state students.

Maue said the program will strengthen the candidacy of students applying to medical school while offering a foundation of knowledge in the face of changing medical and technological developments.

"Marshall is fortunate to offer this program, as it is a beautiful opportunity to see the advances in biomedical research improve patient care," Maue said. "I encourage students to think long-term to see how they and their future families will benefit from such advances and personalized care."

No entrance exam is required. The first class will be available in Fall 2016.

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Marshall men’s basketball defeats Old Dominion in front of record crowd

By **BRAD HELTZEL**
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Marshall University men’s basketball team defeated Old Dominion University Saturday, 82-65, in front of a record crowd at the Cam Henderson Center.

The official attendance for Saturday’s contest totaled 8,520, the largest audience for a Marshall basketball in more than five years.

“We’re getting a good student crowd who’ll keep coming,” head coach Dan D’Antoni said postgame. “[A student crowd] who will enjoy being with each other and having a good feeling for where we are at Marshall, where we live in Huntington and the state of West Virginia.”

Junior forward Ryan Taylor posted a double-double with 23 points on 8-13 shooting and 12 rebounds in the Herd’s win.

In addition to Taylor’s performance, senior forward James Kelly and junior guard Stevie Browning each scored 18 points and grabbed seven rebounds in the victory, while sophomore point guard Jon Elmore dished out 10

assists to go with nine points.

D’Antoni said while the individual offensive performances and 82 points as a team would be impressive for most college basketball squads, the 82-point outing, which was the lowest point total for the Herd in three weeks, felt more like a grind-it-out performance.

“We scored 82 points, a lot of points against a team like that,” D’Antoni said. “But it was a grind 82. Sometimes you have those easy, free-flowing 82s, but every shot we got was difficult. To get 82 points against this team speaks highly of our team.”

Defensive-minded games are typical for the Monarchs, who have the top-scoring defense in Conference USA, allowing 62.5 points per game.

However, in Saturday’s contest, Marshall embraced the defensive component of its game plan as well, particularly against Old Dominion guard Trey Freeman, who scored 37 points in the teams’ last matchup.

Browning and Elmore shared the assignment of guarding Freeman, and even though

he scored 20 points, he did not force Marshall to a last-second victory as he did in Norfolk, Virginia Jan 23.

“We had faith in each other that we could do our part to make sure that he doesn’t go for 37 again,” Browning said.

Taylor said not only did Browning and Elmore play tough defense on Freeman, who made the All-Conference USA first-team last season, but the team as a whole showed commitment on the defensive end.

“We just played good defense,” Taylor said. “We knew Freeman was a heck of a player coming in. (Browning) and (Elmore), they did a great job tonight on him.”

Marshall moved to 11-3 in conference play with Saturday’s victory and remain second in the conference standings, just one game back of the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

However, the Herd has the opportunity to dispose of the Blazers place atop the conference standings 8 p.m. Thursday when it travels to Birmingham for its second matchup of the season with the Blazers.

The Blazers are 22-5 this season and 12-2 in conference action.

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RYAN FISCHER | THE PARTHENON

Marshall University freshman guard CJ Burks goes after the ball Thursday against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte at the Cam Henderson Center.

Elmore keeps it local with Marshall



RYAN FISCHER | THE PARTHENON

Marshall University sophomore guard Jon Elmore brings the ball up the court during a game earlier this season at the Cam Henderson Center.

By **JOHN FAUSS**
THE PARTHENON

It is no secret Marshall University point guard Jon Elmore has been one of the many parts that have contributed to the Herd’s play in the conference portion of its schedule, going 11-3 in league play.

It is also known by a majority of Herd fans that 45 minutes away, in Charleston, West Virginia, is where Elmore calls home.

While growing up in the state’s capital, Elmore played prep basketball for three years at two different high schools: South Charleston High School during his freshman and sophomore years and George Washington High School during his senior year.

While in his junior year, Elmore left for Christ School in North Carolina. Elmore said the move was to better develop himself as a player.

“I felt like I wasn’t really getting recruited like I should have been,” Elmore said. “I felt like I was under the radar a bit. When I went down there, we had like seven or eight

guys going Division I on the roster.

“With all the (Division I) talent and the good players around me, it was a lot of fun. You don’t really see a lot of that playing high school ball in West Virginia.”

While attending Christ School, Elmore averaged 13 points and six assists per game in his junior year, stats that garnered offers from 20 different colleges, including the likes of Ohio University, Winthrop University and Virginia Military Institute, where he played his freshman year of college.

Elmore then made the decision to play ball back in Charleston, West Virginia his senior year at George Washington.

Despite his success against stiffer competition in North Carolina, his standout performance came during his senior campaign in a postseason game, where he scored 45 points, with 40 of them coming in the second half alone.

“At George Washington, my senior year, we played Capital in the sectional final game, and I shot the ball

really well,” Elmore said. “I felt like I couldn’t miss and that I could probably throw up a hook shot and it would go in. That would have to be one of my most memorable games”

While he has numerous accomplishments throughout his career, Elmore said he has had plenty of assistance and guidance from those closest to him, especially from his family, where the tradition of basketball runs deep.

“My grandfather played Division I basketball at West Virginia,” Elmore said. “My father played Division I basketball (at VMI) and was highly successful. And my brother (Ot Elmore), he plays Division I basketball as well (at University of Texas Rio Grande Valley). Growing up in a basketball family and having good mentors has been huge for me.”

Elmore and his father, Gay Elmore, both won the prestigious Evans Award, which is granted to the top prep player in West Virginia. The two are the only father-son combo to achieve that feat.

Elmore said he and his father still practice with each other frequently.

“We go to the gym almost every day,” Elmore said. “Even while I’m down here at Marshall, he’ll drive down from Charleston to help work me out and do shooting drills. He’s been as great as a role model as I can ask for.”

Despite it being Elmore’s first season at Marshall as a sophomore, he is well integrated into the team’s chemistry and is one of the many reasons for Marshall’s success in conference play this season.

“It’s been awesome,” Elmore said. “Marshall has kind of been down a bit the past few years in basketball. We’re trying to bring it back and we’ve been doing a pretty good job with that. We just have to stay focused, to keep winning and to ultimately win the conference.”

Marshall has a 15-12 record (11-3 C-USA) and is second in conference standings.

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Herd women’s basketball falls to Monarchs by 22, drops to 6-8 in conference

THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University women’s basketball team lost to Old Dominion University Saturday, 77-55, in its second worst conference loss of the season

The road defeat drops the Herd’s record to 16-9 overall and 6-8 in conference play.

Sophomore guard Taylor Porter led the Herd in scoring with 13 points, including three 3-pointers, off the bench.

Freshmen Shayna Gore also scored in double digits as a reserve, totaling 10 points on 4-9 shooting. Staring forwards Tequila Hamilton and Leah Scott scored 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Those scoring efforts manifested in a Marshall lead early on in the contest. The Herd led by as many as 11 points midway through the second quarter and took a four-point advantage into halftime.

However, Old Dominion smothered the Marshall in the third quarter, as the Monarchs outscored the Herd 28-10. Old Dominion continued its play into the final stanza, scoring 19 points to the Herd’s 11 to attain a 22-point margin of victory.

Following its 34-point first half effort, the Herd scored 21 points after the break as it shot 32 percent and accumulated nine made field goals.

By contrast, Old Dominion shot 53.8 percent in the second half as it scored 47 points.

The Monarchs had two players achieve double-doubles in the win and five players scored in double figures.

Guard Jennie Simms led the team with 22 points to go along with 12 rebounds and six assists. Forward Destinee Young posted 13 points and 10 rebounds.

As a team, Old Dominion dominated Marshall on the boards, where it collected 15 offensive rebounds, which accrued to a 15-2 advantage over the Herd in second-chance points and a 32-22 edge in paint scoring.

The Monarchs’ ability to get to the free throw line also stood out, as it earned 29 free throw attempts to the Herd’s four.

Marshall head coach Matt Daniel said he was well aware of the specific deficiencies of his team in his postgame interview.

“I think we had about three categories that hurt us, especially in the second half,” Daniel said. “Goofy turnovers, giving up too many offensive rebounds and our defense, that must improve, all contributed. They shot 29 free throws to our four. We have to be better in all phases in this league.”

Marshall will be back in action 11:30 a.m. Thursday when it hosts the University of Alabama at Birmingham at the Cam Henderson Center.

The Herd defeated the Blazers, 64-61, Jan. 30 at Bartow Arena in Birmingham, Alabama.

Scott tied a career-high of 26 points in the win.

Marshall tennis drops C-USA opener to 29th-ranked Rice

THE PARTHENON

Marshall University’s tennis team dropped its Conference USA opener to 29th-ranked Rice University Sunday, 4-3, at the Huntington Tennis Club.

Head coach John Mercer said he thought his team played tough but was outperformed by Rice.

“For the most part we played well,” Mercer said in a news release. “There were some errors today but give

Rice credit. They’re a good team and deserved to win this one.”

Juniors Derya Turhan and Rachael Morales earned a doubles win for the Herd.

Turhan, Morales and sophomore Maddie Silver won singles matches for Marshall.

The Herd dropped to 4-5 overall (0-1 C-USA) with the loss. Rice improved to 5-2, 1-0 C-USA with the win.

Despite losing its first conference match of the season,

Mercer said the Herd has to get over the loss quickly.

“We just have to keep practicing and get ready for Penn State next week,” Mercer said.

Marshall hits the road for one match Sunday as it travels to Pennsylvania State University for an 11 a.m. start.

The Nittany Lions are 2-4 this season, coming off its latest 7-0 loss to Columbia University Saturday.

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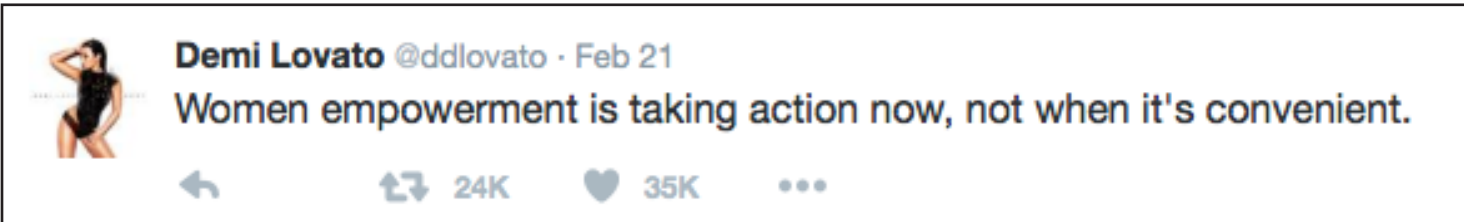
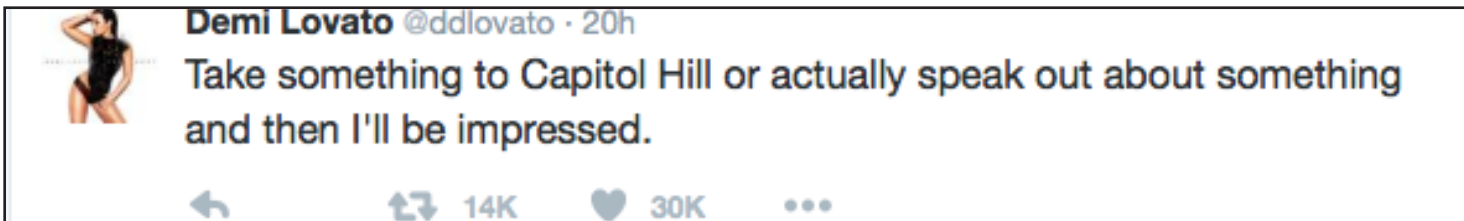
EDITORIAL

Kesha's lawsuit has celebrities voicing opinions about women empowerment



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ABOVE: Pop star Kesha leaves Supreme court in New York, Friday. BELOW: Tweets from Demi Lovato show support for Kesha, but also begins conversation about the importance of women empowerment.



SCREENSHOT | TWITTER

In 2014, Kesha filed a lawsuit against Dr. Luke, her producer who she claims drugged, raped and sexually abused her, causing her to suffer from an eating disorder. Kesha said the abuse had been occurring for almost a decade.

In the case, she only asked to be removed from her contract with Kemosabe, not for Dr. Luke to face any jail time. Dr. Luke, however, filed a countersuit that said the singer was only making the allegations in order to be removed from her contract.

In court Friday, the New York Supreme Court justice said Kesha may not record outside of her contract until the case is closed.

Celebrities who identify as feminists have voiced their opinions on behalf of Kesha's case. Demi Lovato has been the most prominent in taking to Twitter to show her support in favor of Kesha. "Someone tell me why anyone would ever feel brave enough to come forward if they are most likely to be ignored or called a liar?" Lovato posted.

However, a few of the tweets the singer posted have been changing the focus from supporting women in times of need to shaming women who do not broadcast their support.

In a tweet Sunday, Lovato said, "Women empowerment is tweeting at 2:30 am knowing the consequences of these tweets and

not giving a single fuck." Lovato later posted, "Take something to Capitol Hill or actually speak out about something and then I'll be impressed."

While it is okay to voice a strong opinion publicly in order to raise awareness of an issue, Lovato switched the focus of supporting women everywhere who are forced to see their abuser every day to shaming women who do not broadcast their support on social media. Women can support other women in more ways than taking to social media. Action, not just words, are the changing forces of any circumstance. What has Lovato done other than post her opinions to social media?

According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, four out of every five reported sexual assaults are by someone the victim knows. This means, just like Kesha, these victims are subject to their abuser on a daily basis. Kesha is one of many women who must live with this reality.

Unlike many women, however, Kesha has had the courage and opportunity to take action for those women who cannot fight for their freedom. Shifting the focus to taking action rather than just talking about the issue will help more women escape the harsh reality of sexual abuse.

STATE EDITORIAL

The Herald-Dispatch on proposal that could aid West Virginia's minority communities

Legislation aimed at addressing issues related to poverty in West Virginia's minority communities breezed through the state legislature last year before hitting a brick wall in the form of a veto by Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin.

Now, backers of that bill — or one with essentially the same goal, at least — say they plan to give it another go in the current legislative session. It appears they may have made adjustments that shouldn't jeopardize its chances in the House of Delegates and Senate but just might overcome the objections that the governor laid out last year.

The legislation's purpose is to establish a pilot program in minority communities aimed at improving public

health, including reducing child obesity and poverty, making educational improvements and creating economic development opportunities, according to a report by the Charleston Gazette-Mail.

Among other things, the pilot program would look at disparities among blacks and whites on various health-related and socio-economic factors, study the causes and seek solutions for addressing them, with the hope of strengthening those communities.

The new legislation would establish a Minority Health Advisory Team to lead the program, and Dr. Rahul Gupta, commissioner of the Bureau of Public Health, would oversee that group. The advisory team would be made up of

experts on medical, public health, education and social services from institutions around the state.

In a period when state government is struggling to balance its budget, a strong selling point of the proposal is that it is not seeking any state or local funding, the Gazette-Mail reported. Instead, it is structured to leverage resources already at play in the communities that qualify and encourage their residents to participate.

Tomblin's objections to last year's bill had to do with two factors. One was that the program would be placed under the auspices of a state office that the governor said did not have adequate staffing and resources to take it on. He was correct about that.

But the Bureau of Public Health should have the type of staffing power to provide adequate impetus to the project. The other objection was that the previous proposal for a pilot program was focused entirely on Charleston's West Side. The governor believed — rightly so, in our opinion — that the potential benefits from the project should not be limited to one area, but be available statewide to areas that meet a set of standards for participation.

With those two reasonable objections dealt with, and a price tag that won't add to the state budget deficit, this second try at providing assistance to minority communities should be able to gain approval from both the legislature and the governor.

Uber acknowledges getting complaints about shooting suspect

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Uber ride-hailing service acknowledged Monday that it received complaints about erratic driving by the suspect in the random shootings that killed six people in Kalamazoo, and a prosecutor said the man admitted carrying out the attacks.

As authorities pieced together Jason Dalton's actions, the prosecutor said he picked up Uber fares after the first shooting and probably got more riders after the subsequent shootings.

Dalton, the 45-year-old former insurance adjuster, appeared briefly in court by video link and was charged with six counts of murder. A judge denied him bail.

During a talk with investigators, Dalton waived his right against self-incrimination and confessed his role in the Saturday night shootings, Kalamazoo County Prosecutor Jeff Getting said.

Dalton admitted "that he took people's lives," Kalamazoo police Det. Cory Ghiringhelli told the court. The murder charges carry a mandatory life sentence. Michigan does not have the death penalty.

An Uber passenger said he called police to report that Dalton was driving erratically more than an hour before the shootings began.

Matt Mellen told Kalamazoo television station WWMT that he hailed a ride around 4:30 p.m. Saturday. He said driver Jason Dalton introduced himself as "Me-Me" and had a dog in the backseat.

Mellen sat in front. About a mile into the trip, Dalton got a phone call, and when he hung up, he began driving recklessly, blowing through stop signs and sideswiping cars, Mellen said.

"We were driving through medians, driving through the lawn, speeding along, and when we came to a stop, I jumped out of the car and ran away," Mellen said. He said he called police and that when he got to his friend's house, his fiancée posted a warning to friends on Facebook.

Uber said riders complained Saturday about Dalton's driving. When alerted to unsafe driving, company policy is to contact the driver. But Uber officials would not say whether anyone at the company spoke to Dalton, deferring to law enforcement.

Dalton passed a background check and became a driver on Jan. 25. He had given about 100 rides, the company said.

Since Dalton's arrest, several people have come forward to say that he picked them up for Uber in the hours after the first attack. The Associated Press could not confirm those accounts.

Kalamazoo County Sheriff Richard Fuller said Uber is co-operating with law enforcement officials, and he believes the company will "help us fill in some timeline gaps."

Investigators are particularly interested in communication between Dalton and Uber, as well as customers he might have driven, the sheriff said.

The attacks began outside the Meadows apartment complex on the eastern edge of Kalamazoo County, where a woman was shot multiple times. She survived.

A little more than four hours later and 15 miles away, a father and his 17-year-old son were fatally shot while looking at cars at a car dealership.

Fifteen minutes after that, five people were gunned down in the parking lot of a Cracker Barrel restaurant. Four of them died. A 14-year-old girl survived with a head wound and was hospitalized in critical condition.

Police and prosecutors have not provided a motive. The victims had no apparent connection to the gunman.

Getting dismissed the idea that Dalton was seeking a particular person when authorities say he shot the first victim. The prosecutor said Dalton called the woman by a different



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ABOVE: Kalamazoo County Prosecutor Jeff Getting talks to media after Jason Dalton was arraigned via video Monday in Kalamazoo, Michigan. BELOW: Jason Dalton, of Kalamazoo, is arraigned via video before Judge Christopher T. Haenicke, Monday in Kalamazoo.

name only "to get her attention" before shooting her outside of her apartment.

Questions about motive and Dalton's frame of mind are "going to be the hardest to answer for anybody," Fuller said. He expects some answers to emerge in court, but he doubts they will be satisfying.

"In the end, I ask people, because I keep hearing this question of why, 'What would be the answer that would be an acceptable answer for you?' They have to think about it for a moment, and they say, 'Probably nothing.'

"I have to say, 'You are probably correct.' I can't imagine what the answer would be that would let us go, 'OK, we understand now.' Because we are not going to understand," the sheriff said.

Uber prohibits both passengers and drivers from possessing guns of any kind in a vehicle. Anyone found to be in violation of the policy may be prohibited from using or driving for the service.

Many handguns and long guns were seized from Dalton's home. But there was no indication that he was prohibited from owning the weapons, said Donald Dawkins, a Detroit-based spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which was assisting police.

In a statement issued Monday, Dalton's family offered condolences to the families of the victims and thanked law-enforcement officials, saying their "quick and decisive action prevented any further acts of violence."

The family said it planned to help authorities with the investigation.



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Camille Cosby deposed in defamation case



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Plaintiffs attorney Joseph Cammarata, right, speaks as attorney Ira Sherman, left, listens during a news conference, Monday, in Springfield, Mass. after a deposition of Camille Cosby, wife of Bill Cosby.

Bill Cosby's wife, who has publicly stood by him as he faces dozens of sexual-assault allegations, was deposed Monday in a defamation lawsuit filed against him by seven accusers and agreed to return next month to answer even more questions under oath.

The deposition, believed to be the first Camille Cosby has given since dozens of women came forward to accuse her husband of sexual assault, was given under heavy security at the Springfield Marriott hotel.

Camille Cosby and her lawyers

met with lawyers for the seven women suing her husband for about seven or eight hours Monday. A lawyer for the women, Joseph Cammarata, said she spent about 2½ hours answering questions and the rest of the time was a back and forth between lawyers on what she could or should answer. He said a judge had to be contacted twice.

Cammarata wouldn't characterize his questions to Camille Cosby, but he said she was in a unique position to know a lot about Bill Cosby because she has been married to him for 52

years and has been his business manager.

"She's his wife," he said. "She has the ability to live with him, be with him ... understand who he associates with."

When asked afterward about her demeanor under questioning, he replied, "She was someone that was reserved, and I got the sense she really didn't want to be there."

Her lawyers, who had tried to block the deposition, had no comment. She continues the deposition on March 14, but the location hasn't been determined.

After numerous women went public with sexual-assault allegations against Bill Cosby, Camille Cosby issued a supportive statement, calling him "a kind man, a generous man, a funny man, and a wonderful husband, father and friend."

"He is the man you thought you knew," she said in December 2014.

She also suggested that her husband, not the women, was the party being harmed.

"None of us will ever want to be in the position of attacking a victim," she said. "But the question should be asked — who is the victim?"

Lawyers for Bill Cosby, 78, and Camille Cosby, 71, have argued

that she does not have any information on the accuracy of the women's claims and that her conversations with him are confidential under the state marital disqualification rule.

The Cosbys have a home in Shelburne Falls, about an hour's drive from Springfield, where the lawsuit, seeking unspecified damages, was filed. They have four children; a fifth is deceased.

The plaintiffs in the defamation case are among about 50 who have accused Bill Cosby of sexual misconduct.

In December, Bill Cosby, who played Dr. Cliff Huxtable on "The Cosby Show" from 1984 to 1992, was charged in Pennsylvania with drugging and sexually assaulting a former Temple University employee at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004. He has pleaded not guilty. This month, a judge denied a motion by his lawyers to dismiss the charges. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 8.

Cosby's lawyers have said in court papers the deposition is "nothing more than a thinly veiled attempt to pressure (the) defendant in the face of subjecting his wife to the shame and embarrassment of responding to questions about his alleged infidelities and sexual misconduct.

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Reverend Donte' L. Jackson of First Baptist Church stands alongside the church's historic stained glass Feb. 11.



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An intricately detailed stained glass window displays the history of First Baptist Church that spans each window of the church's sanctuary. The series, spanning between its founding in 1872 and into its present-day location, includes various illustrated verses and a timeline of the Civil Rights Movement, which displays each historic sequence progressing into its connecting panes.

Remembering the past, focused on the future

By DARIUS BOOKER
THE PARTHENON

First Baptist Church, a historically black church located in the heart of Huntington, West Virginia, has been a staple place of worship in the black community for over 140 years. With history predating 1872, while slavery was still in effect, slaves founded a place of worship located in now Norway Cemetery, in a little log cabin. However, the little log cabin would only be the beginning of what members of First Baptist Church in the future would see. Pastor of First Baptist Church Reverend Donte' L. Jackson reflected on the history of this prominent place of worship. Jackson said the civic and social justice work for the black community has been highlighted in the history of First Baptist Church. Father of Black History Carter G. Woodson, while pursuing

his education at Douglas High School, a segregated school, was one of the many prominent African Americans in history to have lived in West Virginia and to also have been a member of First Baptist Church. Woodson, after graduating from Berea College, returned to Huntington where he became the principal of Douglas High School. Jackson said "Black Huntington" would be a place less focused on the forward progress of black people without Woodson's contributions. "I perceive that the problems that would persist without Woodson's work would be the same problems that persist had he not engaged in the study of negro life and accomplishments," Jackson said. "That sense of self work, that sense of knowing that you come from greatness, that greatness lies within you, that

you don't have to succumb to the ills of what society tries to force feed you, but you can rise above it through education but also a knowledge of where you come from." "You never know who you have in your pews," Jackson said. Jackson said there were many prominent leaders in addition to Carter G. Woodson who were responsible for leading the First Baptist Church in the right direction in the past. During the early 1940s, most public places including churches were segregated, causing a division among many cities, including Huntington. Jackson said former pastor C.E. Boddie was passionate about getting black clergy and white clergy together to build a better Huntington. More than 75 years later, after the pastorate of Boddie, Jackson recently became president of the Downtown Pastoral Association. "This is something that could not have been possible without the work of Pastor C.E. Boddie," Jackson said. Many African Americans have visited and attended First Baptist Church including Reverend Jesse Jackson, Charles Smith and The Barnett family who founded the Barnett Hospital, a facility specifically for African Americans.



Reverend Donte' L. Jackson sits in a pew inside First Baptist Church on Feb. 11.

Though First Baptist has a rich history, Jackson said they must not get caught up in the past, but they must stay focused on the future. "The legacy that has been left on First Baptist Church helps the future," Jackson said. "It gives us tool to give hope to the next generation, whatever it is that you are seeking to become it starts with a foundation in faith." Maurice Cooley, deacon at First Baptist Church, said he believes all churches in the community have added

prominence and prestige to Huntington, especially First Baptist Church, being rich of history and culture. "Many leading people of color of Huntington have been faithful members throughout the years of First Baptist Church," Cooley said. "It's not that our members and people who have attended add more prominence than any other members, but we contribute to the promise and the growth of the community and continues to aspire to do that today,

even with our present pastor Reverend Donte' Jackson." Jackson said that the church must move forward in the coming years. "We want to be a church that is willing to not only lean on its history but move forward to its destiny," Jackson said. "You can't have this much greatness happen in one place and it not mean something. It has to point to something." Darius Booker can be contacted at booker25@marshall.edu.

ParthePets



April Bostic was a 12-year-old tabby who spent the majority of her life following her owner Sarah throughout their residence like an orange shadow. Her favorite activity included bird-watching and curling up beside Sarah's pillow. She passed in 2015 but is now considered the Bostic family's guardian fur angel.



Young heart donor saves Marshall faculty member's life

By LOGAN PARKULO
THE PARTHENON

Jim Sacconi, Billing supervisor for the Marshall Health Department of Pathology, received a heart transplant at the University of Kentucky on December 17. In order for this transplant to take place, a working heart must be used from a recently deceased organ donor. "It changed my life considerably," Sacconi said. A heart transplant, or cardiac transplant, is a surgical transplant procedure performed on patients with end-stage heart failure. Before Sacconi received his new working heart, he had to wear a left ventricular assist device (LVAD) to help his heart pump. While Sacconi used the LVAD, he had to have dressing changes every day, bloodwork every week and was not allowed to go swimming. Sacconi

said even taking a shower was a difficult task because the LVAD batteries had to go in a shower pack and hang on him while he was in the shower. Sacconi said that daily tasks such as running a vacuum cleaner or getting laundry out of the dryer could not be done because of the static electricity. "The batteries posed a problem because they hung on the side," Sacconi said. Sacconi said people even perceived him differently due to his LVAD battery pack. Sacconi used an LVAD for three and a half years. Sacconi had three hereditary heart attacks at the ages of 30, 32 and 46 before he received his transplant. Sacconi has three children who get their hearts checked about every six months. Typically, this hereditary heart condition, called cardiomyopathy, skips a generation

and tends to run in males. According to the Mayo Clinic, cardiomyopathy is a condition where the muscle in the heart is abnormal causing a more difficult time for a heart to pump and deliver blood throughout the body. Sacconi said his life changed forever in December when he reached the top of the transplant at the University of Kentucky. Although he no longer has to worry about carrying the LVAD around with him, Sacconi said he still faces daily obstacles and changes. Sacconi has to wear a medical flu mask every time he goes outside or is around people that may be sick. Sacconi cannot have pets and can no longer go to buffet style restaurants because he could possibly catch a cold. Sacconi has heart biopsies every two weeks to check heart tissue for signs of rejection. "So far I've gotten zero,"

Sacconi said. "Zero is the best." Sacconi will only have to have a heart biopsy once a year starting next December. Sacconi was not the only one to benefit from his heart transplant. Sacconi's wife was once his primary caretaker. Sacconi's wife had to change him whenever he needed a dressing change and help him in and out of the shower every day for the time Sacconi was using an LVAD. Before his transplant, Sacconi said traveling was practically impossible. Sacconi and his wife are planning a trip to Cincinnati, Ohio where Sacconi will be able to go swimming for the first time since using an LVAD. Sacconi said his only advice for people who know that heart conditions run in their family is to get checked regularly. Logan Parkulo can be contacted at parkulo2@marshall.edu.